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Re: U.S. Application No. 09/659,649
Attorney Docket No.: FR9-1998-0072-US1
In response to the Office Action mailed on March 27, 2003, attached is:
Amendment A Under 37 C.F.R. 1.111 and Response to Restriction Requirement
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Respectfully submitted,
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AMENDMENT A UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111 AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in reply to the Office Action dated March 27, 2003, having a shortened statutory period set to expire June 27, 2003. It is believed that no fee is required by this amendment; however, in the event that any fee may be required, please charge such fee to IBM Corporation Deposit Account Number 09-0447.

Please amend the above-identified application as indicated below.

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated March 27, 2003, having a shortened statutory period set to expire June 27, 2003. Claims 1-2 and 5-8 are pending. Applicants have amended Claim 2 and canceled Claims 3 and 4.